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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to voice my support of the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. This case has been going on for years and I don't see how this issue really represents the consumer interest. Microsoft has hurt no one and it certainly isn't their fault that their competitors aren't as intelligent and innovative. There is already far too much politics in our business and this lawsuit certainly does not provide a good example for future behavior. Money-hungry politicians gave into the complaints of Microsoft's competitors and now taxpayers are footing the bill for a lawsuit that is in no way benefiting them.

This settlement, although unfair to Microsoft, fairly addresses the issues of the lawsuit and will indeed restore competition to the computer industry. Microsoft has agreed to share more information with their competitors regarding technology. They will also be making it easier for consumers to configure Windows to access non-Microsoft products. If this does not satisfy Microsoft's competitors, then they are only looking for a break-up and are obviously not willing to compromise. I hope that you make the right decision and accept this settlement to prevent any further tax money being used for selfish and pointless lawsuits. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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